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1. SUMMARY: WALSH/OPIC MATTER REMAINS MIRED IN GOS BUREAUCRACY WITH TWIN PROBLEMS OF CONFLICTING DEMANDS ON TIME THOSE INVOLVED AND GENERAL DIFFICULTY IN GETTING DECISIONS IN SUDAN. WE CONTINUING PRESS ISSUE, HOWEVER, AND REMAIN CONFIDENT EVENTUAL FAVORABLE OUTCOME. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN SEEKING ACTION FOR OVER MONTH FROM GOS ON LETTER AGREEING COMPENSATE OPIC FOR WALSH CLAIM. APPROACHES HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED ON DR. NASR EL DIN MUBARAK, DIRECTOR GENERAL PLANNING TO WHOM AMBASSADOR ADDRESSED OUT ORIGINAL LETTER (REF B). IT WAS DR. NASR EL DIN WHO, AFTER FIRST TELLING US MATTER WAS WITH COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT (HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR), LATER SAID IT WAS ON "MINISTER'S DESK" BY WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD MINFINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. MEANWHILE, ALL THOSE WHO MIGHT BE CONCERNED HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH BUDGET PREPARATIONS, VISIT IMF DELEGATION AND MAY 25 CELEBRATIONS. DESPITE PROMISES GET MATTER MOVING, DR. NASR EL DIN HAS NOT BEEN ABLE PRODUCE.

3. ON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR ACCORDINGLY DID RAISE SUBJECT INFORMALLY WITH BOTH IBRAHIM MONEIM MANSOUR, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINFINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY, AND WITH HIS DEPUTY, MINSTATE

FOR TRADE, HASSAN ALI BILAIL, DURING COURSE VARIOUS MAY 25 CELEBRATIONS. FORMER PROFESSED IGNORANCE ISSUE WHILE LATTER DOUBTED IT WAS PROBLEM WOULD COME HIS WAY.

4. MAY 28 AMBASSADOR SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH COMMISSIONER GENERAL MUHAMMAD ABDEL MAJID ONLY TO LEARN THAT HE HAD LEFT OVER WEEKEND FOR TEN-DAY TRIP KUWAIT. EMBOFF MEANWHILE, MAY 28, AGAIN CONTACTED DR. NASR EL DIN WHO STATED MATTER "REMAINED" ON COMMISSIONER'S DESK (HIS EARLIER REFERENCE "MINISTER" MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT CONVEY THIS, AS COMMISSIONER HAS THAT RANK). HE SAID ONE POINT OF CONCERN WITHIN GOS WAS WHAT HAPPENED TO ASPHALT. EMBOFF OPINED ASPHALT HAD DETERIORATED OVER TIME TO POINT WHEREIT HAD HAD NO VALUE AND HAD FINALLY BEEN JETTISONED BY MOBIL TO FREE STORAGE TANK. DR NASR EL DIN EXPRESSED THANKS FOR INFO AND UNDERTOOK TO BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION IBRAHIM MONEIM MANSOUR IN ABSENCE ABDUL MAJID WITH HOPE FOR SOME SORT OF REACTION WITHIN WEEK.

5. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE BELIEVE GOS WILL EVENTUALLY ACQUIESCE IN PROPOSED SOLUTION. PROBLEM IS ONE OF FIGHTING CONFLICTING REQUIREMENTS ON TIME INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND GENERAL DIFFICULTY OFTEN FACED IN GETTING DECISIONS OUT OF GOS. RE POSSIBLE APPROACH TO MINTRANSPORT WITH JURISDICTION OVER ROAD PROJECT (REFTEL) WE SUSPECT HE WOULD NOT WISH TACKLE FELLOW MINISTERS ON SUCH COMPLEX ISSUE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE PURSUE ISSUE WITH VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOS.

7 ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD RECOMMEND ADVISING GREEN CONSTRUCTION OF OUR CONTINUING OPTIMISM AND URGING THEM TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF BID IN EXPECTATION THAT MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED BEFORE JULY 22 DEADLINE. WE REALIZE DEGREE OF GAMBLE INVOLVED IN INCURRING COSTS BID PREPARATION WITHOUT DEFINITE ANSWER, BUT WE WOULD HOPE FIRM WOULD CONSIDER RISK WORTH TAKING.  
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